Bill to amend the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I beg to move that the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation Amendment Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to second it.

Motion put and carried.

Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I move that the Cochin Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to second it.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Sir, in view of the correspondence that has been placed on the table relating to this Bill, I do not think there can be any opposition with regard to this Bill.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—This Bill was the result of a representation made by the Trichur Municipal Council and the object of the Bill is this: Now we are levying a fee of half-an-anna per rikshaw and one anna per jutka or single bullock cart, as the charges for keeping them in our stands. We thought that this is a vexatious imposition upon people and we wanted to reduce it to the lowest. If this bill is passed, instead of these people being liable to pay 12 rupees, they will have to pay only 8 annas per year. Far from inflicting any hardship, the object that moved us in requesting the Government to introduce a bill was to reduce the hardship and to bring it to the lowest possible level. I see that the House did not understand this yesterday. We are at one with the House not to inflict any additional injury to the poor people in the town.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What about the private carts?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—They are not under this Regulation. It is very difficult to differentiate between the two. A man who can afford to keep a rikshaw can certainly afford to pay 9 pies. There are very few private carts. A person who can keep a rikshaw can pay 8 annas per year.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What about the poor who live upon the proceeds of a cart and those who do not take their carts to the stand?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—That brings me to another point. You are imposing a fee on the rikshaws and the cart owners are exposing themselves to the sun and other clemencies of the weather. They are thereby exposing themselves to all kinds of diseases. Now when you are paying it for six months in lump you are inducing them to take shelter under the roof of the stand and the Municipality spends thousands of rupees for this. We do not collect the money as an imposition. We do not get any

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